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PROCESS OF LIQUEFYING A GASEOUS, )  
METHANE-RICH FEED TO OBTAIN )  
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS )  
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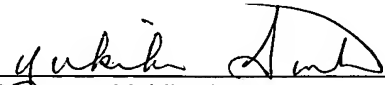
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